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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) sheets of drawings include replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.84 and 1.121 for Figures 1-2 as originally filed.

Please replace Figures 1-2 as originally filed with the replacement drawings attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the instant application. No claim amendments have been presented herein. The "Related Applications" paragraph on page 1, lines 6-13 of the as-filed specification has been amended to update the status of the applications listed in the priority claim and to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendments presented herein.

Priority Statement

As requested by the Examiner, the status of the applications in the priority statement at the beginning of the specification has been updated to reflect the issuance of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/290,049 as U.S. Patent No. 6,827,936.

Drawings

The Examiner has indicated that the drawings submitted March 9, 2004 have been declared informal. Applicants submit herewith formal drawings, Figures 1-2, for this application. No new matter has been added in these Figures. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner replace the originally filed Figures 1-2 with the two (2) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-2) attached hereto.

Double Patenting


Claims 1-4 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,827,936 ("the '936 patent").

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '936 patent. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw this double-patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Attachment:

--Formal Drawings (Figures 1-2, two (2) sheets)

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